




MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

THRU: Christopher Shorter, Assistant City Manager

FROM: Kimberly McNeeley, CPRP, Director
Austin Parks and Recreation Department 

DATE: July 28, 2020

SUBJECT: Walter E. Long Metropolitan Park Vision Plan

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform you of the Parks and Recreation Department's (PARD) intent to submit the Walter E. Long Metropolitan Park Vision Plan to Council for adoption. The 3,695-acre park is Austin's largest park and is located on the far eastern boundary of Austin, just west of State Highway 130.

The goal of the planning process was to outline a vision for the park that considers the future city growth, meets current recreational needs and allows for future recreational needs. The planning process was completed in 2019, following a year-long public engagement period. The robust engagement process included four large community meetings, three online surveys, a park intercept survey and multiple days of small focus group meetings with numerous stakeholders. A Technical Advisory Group representing City Departments, including Watershed Protection, Austin Energy, Austin Water, as well as Travis County and Capital Metro, provided technical assistance throughout the process.

The draft vision plan was presented to the Parks and Recreation Board in June 2019, and to the Environmental Commission in July 2019. PARD is now ready to advance the vision plan to City Council on August 27, 2020.

PARD would like to offer virtual presentations to Council Offices who wish to review and discuss the vision plan prior to the August 27, 2020, Council meeting. For additional information, please visit the park's webpage: [Walter E. Long Metro Park Vision Plan](#)

Should you have any questions or would like to schedule a presentation, please contact my office at (512) 974-6717.

cc: Spencer Cronk, City Manager